

The Battle of Britain and The Blitz

4 The Battle of Britain

16 This event began on the 10th July, 1940 when British ships in
25 the English Channel were bombed by the German Luftwaffe.
33 Mass bombing of airfields, harbours, radar stations and
39 aircraft factories began in August 1940.

41 The Blitz

50 (The word 'Blitz' comes from the German term Blitzkrieg
54 which means 'lightning war'.)

64 This event began on the 7th September, 1940 when the
73 Luftwaffe turned their attention to the bombing of London
83 and other cities, rather than the military targets they had
91 previously focused on. London was bombed for fifty-seven
100 consecutive nights and suffered extensive damage and the loss
105 of thousands of civilian lives.



Quick Questions



1. Where did the Luftwaffe come from?



2. Find and copy two words that mean the same as
'a large amount'.



3. Why do you think The Blitz was so named?



4. Summarise the main points about The Blitz in 20
words or less.
